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PLAN of ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, in
Holborn, for Diseases of the EYES,
LEGS, BREASTS, and other Cases in
Surgery, &c. under the Direction of
MR. ROWLEY, Surgeon, supported by
Voluntary Contributions.

TO give a just idea of the necessity and utility of this extensive charity, it will be necessary to inform the public of the liberal principles by which it is conducted.

This hospital is open the greatest part of the day, for all the poor who are afflicted in the above, or other diseases which can be relieved without rest. They are admitted as patients without any recommendation but their distresses, and have medicines, or any other assistance necessary, at the hospital expence.

A The necessity of such a charity will appear evident when we reflect, that other hospitals admit patients only one day in the week, and it is then uncertain whether many poor patients gain admittance, owing to the multiplicity of business. By being disappointed, a disease may become dangerous before the next day of admittance; but these ill consequences are often prevented, by the poor having this place to apply to during the whole day, and any day in the week, where immediate assistance is given. The reason the poor are admitted to partake of this charity without recommendation is to prevent loss of time, a circumstance of considerable consequence to the industrious poor, their families (if they have any) and the community in general. Indeed poverty and sickness are, at all times, a sufficient recommendation for the afflicted

flitted to excite benevolence in every humane mind; and the less trouble we give a poor sick person in obtaining relief, so much more noble must be our charity.

Diseases and ulcers of the legs happen more frequently in England than any other part of the world, and have ever resisted all the common methods of cure. Diseases of the eyes have not been much attended to by regular practitioners, from which cause many have fell victims to the ignorant and enterprising impositions of Quacks. Diseases of the breasts have been likewise neglected, and the fraudulent and cruel practices of pretenders in this branch is really alarming. To obviate these difficulties, Mr. Rowley has applied many years to make improvements in these branches, and his discoveries have been communicated without reserve for the service of the public, in an Essay on the cure of ulcerated legs without rest, illustrated by a great number of cases; in a Treatise on the inflammation and other diseases of the eyes, with new and improved methods of cure; and in a Treatise on the diseases of the breasts of women during lying-in, with the method of preventing and curing the cancerous and other indurations*. In order that all the poor might be relieved by these improved and mild methods, this hospital was instituted, to rescue the unfortunate poor from the many cruel practices used by Quacks in some of the above diseases, by some gentlemen of rank, and others who had been eye-witnesses of several remarkable cures performed by the

* The books are published by F. Newbery, at the corner of St. Paul's Church-yard; and J. Ridley, in St. James's Street.

above methods. The great number who now apply from every part of this metropolis, and likewise from the most distant parts of the country, is a striking instance of the utility of this charity, there being between three and four hundred poor objects always under cure. This great concourse of patients has considerably augmented the expences, and it is hoped, the Public will generously assist in supporting a charity so evidently useful.

Great numbers of old ulcerated legs, which had resisted every other method for years, have been cured at this hospital, and the poor patients kept to their daily labour; many poor women labouring under that dreadful disease the cancer, and other diseases of the breasts, have been cured, or have had such relief, as to make their lives under such unhappy disorders less burthensome; it is hoped the ladies will warmly interest themselves in their favour. There have been many restored to sight from total blindness by Mr. Rowley's improved method of operating for the cataract, and in blindness, arising from other causes. These facts will appear by the hospital books, which are always open for the examination of subscribers, who may likewise inspect into the progress of cures constantly performing at the hospital.

Mr. Rowley begs leave to inform the public, that he attends the duties of this hospital from an earnest desire of proving serviceable to the poor objects who apply; he will be happy, beyond expression, if the charity meets with a generous support from the public, as its usefulness might be still farther extended. But Mr.
Rowley,

Rowley makes no doubt, that when the merits of this unconfined charity are more known, it will meet with encouragement equal to its utility.

SUBSCRIPTIONS and Benefactions are received at Messrs. Crofts, Hart, Bakwell and Co. bankers, Pall Mall; and at Mr. Newbery's, the corner of St. Paul's Church-yard. And any farther particulars may be known by applying to Mr. Rowley, Surgeon, in St. James's Street. At the above places plans of the charity may be had.

Mr. Rowley's hour of attendance at the hospital is at twelve o'clock every day, where he remains till all the duty of the hospital is finished. And the other part of the day the house surgeon attends, and administers relief to all who apply.

It will be esteemed a great favour, if those Gentlemen or Ladies who become annual subscribers, would signify such intention by a line, either to Mr. Rowley, or the other places, that they may be regularly acquainted every quarter with the state of the charity, which will be conducted by a committee of gentlemen.